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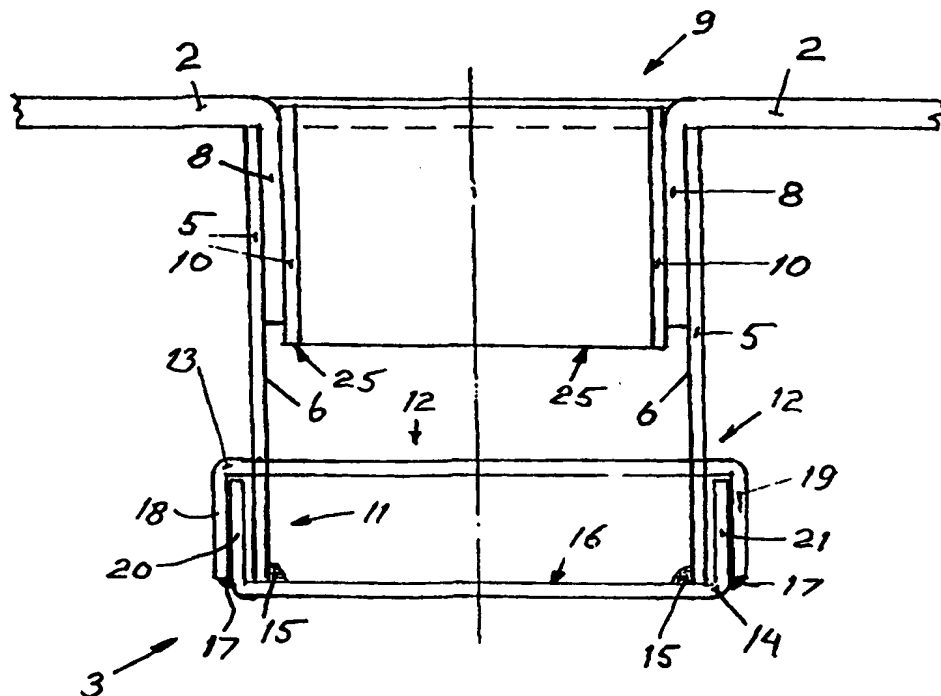
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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a pallet arrangement (1), preferably to a pallet intended for one-time use only, comprising an upper deck plate (2), bottom runners (3) and spacer elements (4) located between the deck plate (2) and the bottom runners (3) and functioning as pallet feet. The spacer elements are comprised of supportive tubular elements (5) which are fixed in position relative to the deck plate (2) against locking flaps (8) that are folded down around circular fold lines (7) punched in the deck plate. In turn, the locking flaps (8) are firmly clamped between the tubular spacer elements (5) and locking tubes (10) that are inserted from above through openings (9) that were formed in the deck plate (2) by folding down the locking flaps (8). The invention also relates to a method of manufacturing the pallet, in which method attachment of the spacer elements (4) to the underside of the deck plate (2) is achieved by punching out in said deck plate openings (9) such as to form locking flaps (8) over which the tubular spacer elements (5) are fixed with the aid of locking tubes (10) which are pressed into the openings (9) and which firmly press the tubular spacer elements (5) against said locking flaps (8), whereafter the free ends (11) of the tubular spacer elements are glued firmly to the bottom runners (3).



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